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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Michael R. BEDFORD et al.

Group Art Unit : 1654

Appln. No : 09/487,383

Examiner : Michael V. MELLER

Filed : January 18, 2000

For : USE OF AN ENZYME FOR THE MANUFACTURING OF AN AGENT FOR
CONTROLLING BACTERIAL INFECTION

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116
TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED FEBRUARY 17, 2004**

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 17, 2004, which sets a three month shortened statutory period for response until May 17, 2004.

Applicants note that this reply is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the fee associated therewith are not required. However, if any extension of time is necessary for maintaining the pendency of this application, including any extension of time necessary for entry of an Examiner's Amendment, this is an express request for any required extension of time to maintain the pendency of the application, and authorization to charge any required extension of time fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the instant amendment with reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.



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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in the above-captioned application.

___ Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.

___ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

___ A Request for Extension of Time.

X No Additional Fee.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

Claims After Amendment	No. Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Small Entity		Other Than A Small Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Total Claims: 31	*31	0	x 9=	\$	x 18=	\$0.00
Indep. Claims: 3	**3	0	x 43=	\$	x 86=	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claims Presented			+145=	\$	+290=	\$0.00
Extension Fees for Month				\$		\$0.00
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X Any additional filing fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.16.

X Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17, including any required extension of times fees in any concurrent or future reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3)

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